

Summer 2025

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Delaware RC Newsletter. This edition will highlight some of the excitement of War Birds 2025. You will see a selection of photos from the event courtesy of Sam Wilder and Bob Gilley. You will find links that will take you to websites that has all of the photos they took at the event. There are a couple of new items in this edition of Glitch Busters. We hope that you enjoy it.



Photo by W. Gilley

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Photo by Bob Gilley

Coming Events

- Club Meeting (Saturday Sept. 13 (noon) at the field)
- Static display at Pond Fest(details in the Newsletter)
- Fall Picnic and Fun Fly - Saturday October 11
(Raindate Sunday Oct 12)
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- Club Auction - Nov 1, Delaware City Fire Company

In Memorial

RICK SCOTT

February 13, 1958 - September 2, 2025



Long time Club member and former Board member, Rick Scott, passed away on Tuesday September 2, 2025 at home. Rick, along with his father John, were active members and Board members of the Delaware R/C Club dating back to the early 1970's. Rick was an active member, volunteering for many Club functions, including organizing and running the Warbirds Over Delaware Registration Desk for 27 years. Rick enthusiastically greeted new and returning WOD pilots and guest and will be missed by many in the R/C model aviation community.

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 am until 11 am on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 121 West Park Place, Newark, DE, where a funeral service will begin at 11 am. Interment will follow in All Saints Cemetery, 6001 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rick's memory to the Bible Fellowship Church of Newark, 808 Old Baltimore Pike, Newark, DE 19702 or online by clicking [here](#) or to a charity of your choice.



Rick's obituary is available at

<https://spicermullikin.com/18293/>

General Membership Meeting – June 8, 2025

The General Membership Meeting was held at the Pavilion at the Flying field on Sunday June 8, 2025.

President Fred Butts called the meeting to order at 11:58AM.

The field will be rolled June 19th

Dave and Pete Malchione discussed preparations for the upcoming Warbirds Over Delaware event which will be held July 9 through 12th

. Volunteers are needed for field setup Saturday July 5 and possibly July 6.

The Club will host 2 RealFlight R/C Trainer Edition simulators with 32” displays.

“Students” who fly the simulators will be eligible for a free raffle to win a RealFlight R/C Trainer Edition simulator. The fabric runway will be roped off to prevent damage.

-Paul Bryk discussed parking duties for the entrance and field on Friday July 11th and at the Campground on Saturday July 12 and will have volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board at the Flying Field.

- It was discussed that the entrance area is in need of crush stone replacement. Brian Pasternak has contacted the Park to request new stone be placed at the entrance, as well as repair of the gate.

President Fred Butts gave the current Treasury Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM

*Respectfully submitted,
Brian Pasternak, Secretary*



Paul Bryk displayed a 3 Channel BMJR Super Sniffer that was built from a Midwest kit that was available in the late 1960's.

Tables are filling up fast, Reserve your now!!!



DELAWARE R/C CLUB ANNUAL SWAP MEET

Saturday November 1, 2025

8:00AM to 1:00 PM

Delaware City Fire Company
815 5th Street, Delaware City, DE 19706

Table rent \$20 includes vendor admission. Pay for your table(s) at check in. Vendor setup 7:00 AM. General public 8:00 AM. Admission \$10.00, under 18 \$5.00, Juniors free.

For Table Reservations, email info@delawarerc.org with total number of tables requested and specify either round or rectangle table.

Check the website www.delawarerc.org for updates and information. Lunch provided by the Delaware City Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.



Meet a Member – Four Questions

I thought it would be nice to highlight one or two members of DRC the Newsletter. We have a lot of members who have been here for years and some newer members as well, the intent is to have a quick series of interview questions in order to get to know each other a bit better. To kick things off for this edition I strong armed one member that meets the description above:

First we have one of our newest members, Jim Towey:

1) Can you tell us a bit about how you became interested in Model Aviation?

I was a recreational General Aviation Pilot, had a Cessna C172 and was building an experimental Hatz Biplane in my basement. I lost my FAA medical, and the plans for building and flying my Hatz during retirement needed a revision. My A&P mechanic was also a Large Scale RC pilot and recommended I consider the hobby. I recently moved to the area, and I think I have found a way to combine my passion for flying and building and I am delighted to have found the club!

2) What are some of your favorite Model aircraft that you have owned or flown over the years?

I have very limited experience to date, but am a big fan of the E-Flite Apprentice (and it's about all I can currently handle). I also have been flying several different DJI drones for work related tasks.

3) As you look back, what do you feel are some of the more influential technology changes to the hobby?

The introduction of advanced electronics — including electric drives, electronic gyros and IMU's have dramatically enabled folks like me to learn. I am intrigued by the FPV cameras / AR goggles that I see entering the space and think there will be some exciting advances coming!



4) What advice would you offer to new or novice pilots looking for advice in model aviation?

Get involved with the club! I am INCREDIBLY thankful for the training that folks like Chet Thayer, Ralph McCafferty, and Steve Johnson provide. While I have only been around for part of the year— the advice, guidance, and recommendation of other members has been invaluable. All the club members I have met to date are patient, fun, and incredibly interesting to engage with!

Pond Fest 2025

October 4 at Lums Pond State Park


<https://friendsoflumspond.org/blog/25-05-09-pond-fest-announcement/>

The club will have a static display located in Area 1. We may be able to fly small electric plane demonstrations between 11am – 1 pm



POND Fest SATURDAY, OCT 4 TH		
WINGSPAN	NEST BOX	MONARCH
11 AM 11:00 - 12:00 Big Izzy and Bulfrog	OPEN MIC OPEN TO PUBLIC SIGN UP BY PERSON STARTING AT 1:00	11:00 - 12:00 Adam Molden
12 PM		12:00 - 1:00 Vic Kozar
1 PM 12:30 - 1:30 FINN		1:15 - 2:15 Acoustic SinZ
2 PM 2:00 - 3:00 Secondhand Stray		2:30 - 3:00 Ballet Folklorico BAILLE FOLKORICO
3 PM		3:15 - 4:00 Alyssa Compton
4 PM 3:30 - 4:30 The Mad Dabbers		4:30 - 5:45 Pet Project
5 PM 5:00 - 6:00 Stealing Society		
6 PM		

All times subject to change. Check website for latest.
MORE INFO @ FRIENDSOFLUMSPOND.ORG




Blasts from the Past

We will have a new addition to Glitch Busters in the form of Airplanes from the past. This month in keeping with the War Birds theme some obscure operational fighter planes from WWII will be highlighted.


With the help of CHATGPT a list of 5 planes from WWII that can be described as Obscure.

The list is:


TOP 5 MOST OBSCURE OPERATIONAL WWII FIGHTERS




Avia B-135
Czechoslovakia/Bulgaria
12 Built
Fighter
Operational From 1942-44



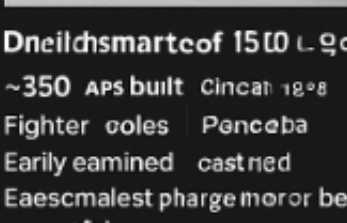
VL Myrsky
Finland
~50 Built
Fighter
Operational From 1943-04



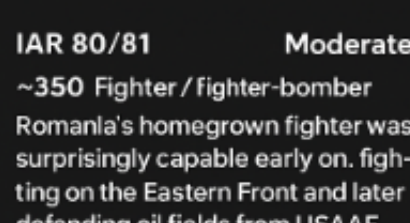
Ambrosini SAI.207/SAI.403
Italy
~150 Built
Lightweight fighter
Operational From 1943-1945



PZL P.11
Poland
~150 Built
Fighter
Operational From 1939 Invasion



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~350 APS built
Fighter roles
Early examined
Easest charge moror being
successful



IAR 80/81 Moderate
~350 Fighter / Fighter-bomber
Romania's homegrown fighter was surprisingly capable early on, fighting on the Eastern Front and later defending oil fields from USAAF

Of these five the AVIA B-135 is given the title of the most Obscure Operational WWII Fighter Plane.

Some additional details are included below:

Avia B-135 — WWII Fighter Summary

Country of Origin: Czechoslovakia (delivered to Bulgaria)

Type: Single-seat fighter

First Flight: 1938

Number Built: 12 (plus 1 prototype)

Designer: Ing. František Novotný (Avia)

Design & Performance

- All-metal, low-wing monoplane with retractable gear
- Engine: Hispano-Suiza 12Ycrs (~860 hp)
- Armament: 1 × 20 mm cannon (hub) + 2 × 7.92 mm MGs
- Max speed: ~325 mph (523 km/h)
- Range: ~375 miles (600 km)
- Service ceiling: ~34,500 ft (10,500 m)

Operational History

- Designed for the Czechoslovak Air Force, but Germany's 1939 occupation ended local adoption.
- 12 completed aircraft were delivered to Bulgaria in 1941–42.
- Mostly used for training due to engine problems.
- **30 March 1944:** Four B-135s intercepted USAAF bombers. Lt. Yordan Ferdinandov was reportedly credited with downing a B-24 Liberator, though the claim is disputed.
- Withdrawn from service by late 1944 as obsolete. All scrapped postwar.

Why It's Obscure

1. Only 12 production aircraft ever built.
2. Operated by Bulgaria, a minor Axis air force.
3. Too late for early war, too weak for late war.
4. No surviving airframes today.

Sources:

- Wikipedia — Avia B-135
- MilitaryMatters: Obscure WWII Fighters
- AviaStar — Aircraft Database
- Bulgarian & Czech aviation records

Recap of 2025 War Birds and Classics Over Delaware

Warbirds and Classics was a great success this year with 83 pilots registered with great spectator attendance. All went smooth and great weather. No complaints this year which is a first.

- Adding classics to the event seemed to work out really great with the Warbird pilots and no issues. We will stick with this program in the future with the dates set for July 8-11 2026.
- The simulator demo for all interested was a great success thanks to Brian Pasternak with help from Horizon Hobby. Brian for the PA setup.
- Thank yous go out to:
 - Rick and Pat (registration)
 - Paul (parking)
 - Sam Winder and Bob Gilley (photos)
 - Tony and Jim (sales, hats , shirts, artwork,and raffle)
 - Mike and Tommy for keeping everything neat and clean,
 - Wayne, Dave and the entire crew for grass mowing,
 - Paul Granger and Tord for rolling the field,
 - Greg for arranging all needed items for the event and
 - Skip and Debbie Crain for their generous support each year.
 - Betty Cantera for the many years of donations,
 - Jon Martin for the Beech 18 fly over.
 - Everyone that helped with setup and teardown especially Tommy who had it mostly all done before I arrived on Sunday.
 - Fast Eddie has been our voice for the last 28 years and we can't thank him enough.
 - If I missed anyone please forgive the oversight, let me know

Dave Malchione

**The next War Birds and Classics
is scheduled for July 8 – 11 2026
Mark it in your Calendar**



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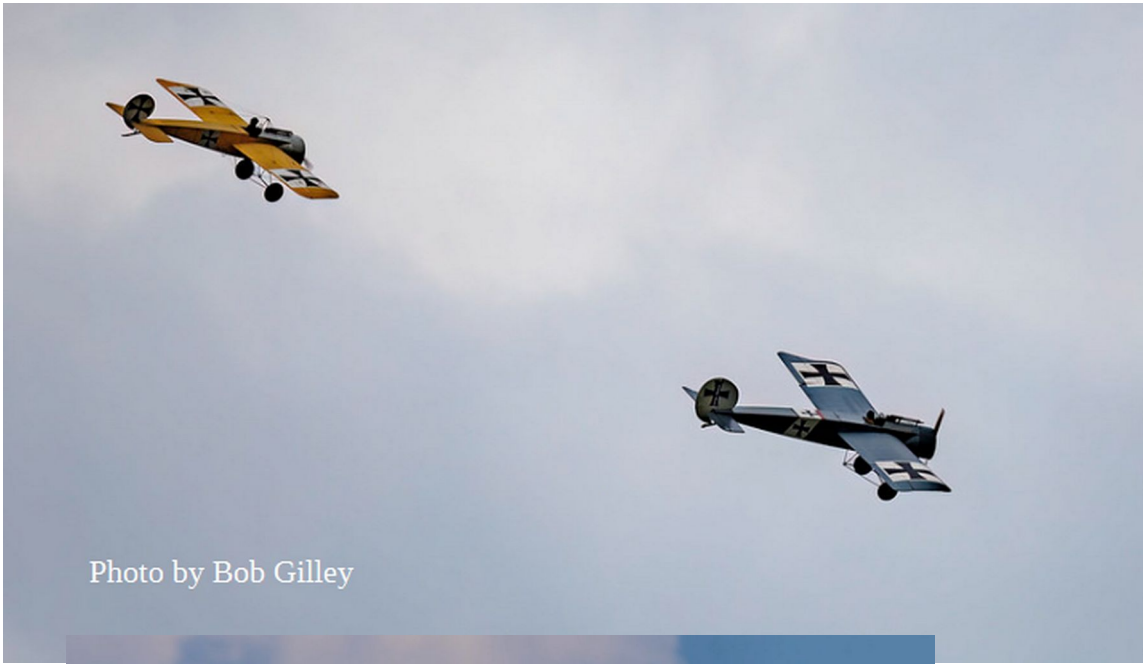


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Useful Links

Club Website: <http://delawarerc.org>

Academy of Model Aeronautics: <http://www.modelaircraft.org>

AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf>

AMA Media Room:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/mediaroom.aspx/>

FAA Registration: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/>

FAA TRUST Test: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust>

FAA NOTAMS/TFRs:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/clubs/notams.aspx>

Aloft Air Aware Mobile App: <https://www.aloft.ai/air-aware>

Air Aware by Aloft Desktop App: Current Flight Status of our Flying Field:

- <https://tinyurl.com/yw3hy3v2>

Photos by Sam Winder: <https://winder.smugmug.com/Sports>

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